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Carter Terms Staff Disclosures Of G.O.P. Job List a 'Mistake'

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PLAINS, Ga., Aug. 13 — Jimmy Carter disavowed today what he described as an "intra-staff memorandum" listing 19 "unsuccessful" Republicans placed in high Government positions by President Ford. He said that its release had been "a serious mistake" by a staff member.

The list had been prepared to substantiate Mr. Carter's charges earlier this week that Mr. Ford was using the Federal regulatory agencies and other Government departments as "dumping grounds" for unsuccessful Republican candidates and the political faithful. Its release coincided almost exactly with the arrival here yesterday of one of those listed, George Bush, the Director of Central Intelligence.

Today Mr. Carter said that "I have not listed anyone" and

specifically exempted Mr. Bush. "I've never discussed at any time the qualifications of George Bush," he said. "As a matter of fact, I happen to think a lot of the qualifications of George Bush. I would not include George Bush among those who were appointed just because of political reasons. So far at least, the commitments he made to Senate investigating committees have been kept."

F.B.I. Director Criticized

Mr. Carter had few kind words, however, for another Ford Administration official, Clarence M. Kelley, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Kelley's administrative abilities were questioned yesterday by Senator Walter F. Mondale, Mr. Carter's running mate, who was in Plains for Mr. Bush's intelligence briefing. "I agree with Senator Mondale that he [Mr. Kelley] has not gotten adequate control over the F.B.I.," Mr. Carter said. He added that "obviously there's no way" any one person could have "complete control" over an agency, but said it was a serious error to have "a highly public incident occur after the director gives his word that it won't recur."

Mr. Carter's remarks were made at a news conference with Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, who said he was "prepared to help in any way he [Mr. Carter] sees fit" with the Carter campaign. Mr. Carter said that he had asked Mr. Brown to help outside California as well as within it, adding that the Governor was "extremely popular, as I found to my disappointment."

His allusion was to Mr. Brown's primary victories in several states. Mr. Carter is scheduled to make a two-or-three day West Coast trip soon.

Brown Praises Carter

Mr. Brown, who ended his overnight stay with a brief tour of Plains with the candidate this morning, said that he was "impressed" by Mr. Carter, too. The Governor, one of Mr. Carter's most persistent rivals, said that he was impressed that "a fellow that came from Plains, Ga., in such a short period of time, contrary to the expectations of a lot of experts, put together a campaign with energy, intelligence and ingenuity and brought together elements of the party that had not been brought together ever before."

Mr. Carter is scheduled to fly to Charleston, W. Va., tomorrow to speak at a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.